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SERPENTTE

A South American traveler tells of a curious conflict which he once witnessed between a little quadruped and a poisonous reptile of great size. The little creature seemed no match for its antagonist that threatened to destroy it by a blow, as well as its helpless young, but it fearlessly faced its mighty enemy and, rushing at him, struck him with a succession of fierce and telling blows, but received at the onset a deep and apparently fatal wound from the poisonous fangs, which flashed for a moment with an angry fire, and then fastened themselves deep into the flesh of the daring little assailant.

For a moment it seemed as if all were over, but the wise little creature immediately retired into the forest, and hastening to the plantain tree eagerly devoured some of its leaves, and then hurried back, seemingly fresh and restored, to renew the fray with vigor and determination. Again and again this strange spectacle was repeated. The serpent, although greatly exhausted, ferociously attacked, and again and again wounded its antagonist to death, as it seemed; but the little creature each time repaired to its simple prescription, and returned to renewed victory. In the course of an hour or two the battle was over--the mammoth reptile lay still and dead and the little victor was unharmed, in the midst of the nest and the helpless little ones.

How often we are wounded by the dragon's sting--wounded it would seem to death! And if we had to go through some long ceremony to reach the source of life, we must faint and die. But, blessed be His Name, as near at hand as that which the forest holds in its shade, there is ever for us a Plant of healing to which we may continually repair and come back refreshed, invigorated, transfigured--like Him who shone with the brightness of celestial light as He prayed in the garden, arose triumphant over the fear of death, strengthened from on high to accomplish the mighty battle of our redemption.

-- A. B. Simpson -- Sel.

C.E. preview

The Juniors will present their surprize program to the Intermediates tonight. All boys and girls, be sure to be at the 305 Rec. Hall at 7:30 p.m. for a good time!

Seniors will meet at 310-12-D for their regular meeting tonight. All young people are invited to join in the Quizz Travelog Game.

A special speaker will be present to give an interesting message to the Y.P. Society tonight.

MIDWEEK MEETINGS

Our Wednesday Night Prayer Meetings, although small in attendance, have been a blessing to each person attending. A lecture on Resurrection with illustrated chart will be given by Miss Sophie Shizume, our Education Department Head who is a Pacific Bible College graduate, this week.

In order to grow spiritually and in our knowledge of the Bible, all members are urged to come out to these educational meetings.

A HEART TO HEART TALK

Alone with Jesus! What a sweet and holy spot. What a blessed refuge to which the soul may take itself from the charges of Satan, from the accusations of the world and the sorrows of life. Sweet spot for the heart to unfold itself, to tell its hidden tale in the ear of Infinite love, tenderness and compassion. Alone with Jesus! How different a front would Christianity present to the world if the Lord's people were oftener there! What humility and gentleness and love would characterize all their dealings. What calmness, resignation, and joyful submission to all the Lord's dealings. Be much alone with Jesus! Then will the passage to glory be one of sunshine, whether it be through the portals of the grave, or through the clouds to Heaven.

-- Whitefield --

THIS ISSUE OF THE REDEEMER IS DEDICATED TO
FRANK TAKAHASHI

TESTIMONY

I am so thankful that I can testify for my personal Saviour. I will never forget that wonderful day when I heard the minister say that when we receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith, we pass out of death into everlasting life. I accepted him as my personal Saviour and am glad to say He has certainly blessed me to this day.

The evacuation has made it possible for me to think more about the soul. The time has arrived when you should think of what you are doing for your soul. Satan tries to withdraw your attention from Christ while you suppose you are on safe ground. I am glad to say I am on safe ground and have nothing to fear since I know Jesus is by my side.

I have no talents, but since He picked such an unworthy person as I out of the miry clay, it behooves me to be a witness for Him. He has helped me through trials and temptations, and protected and guided me because He loves me. I am glad that I am not throwing away my precious life on the world which would only lead me to ruin, but that I am taking what God offers me. I hope that I may be a shining light to others that when they see me they will say, "I would like to be cheerful and happy as she is."

I am thankful that I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.

Yoshie Miyamoto

c.e. program

Last Sunday evening, the Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Y. P. Christian Endeavor Societies combined to hold a joint meeting in the Church Library. The speaker was Miss Starkey who told of missionary work in the Orient.

An article appearing in the Collier magazine entitled "Christianity Must Go, Says Japan" is not all true, according to Miss Starkey. In all her many years in Japan, she has never encountered some of the situations presented as the truth by the author of the article. The writer is a newspaperman who returned to the U. S. aboard the Gripsholm at the time time Miss Grube came home.

Miss Starkey also spoke of the developments of the Church of Christ in Japan, which has done away with all denominations.

JUNIOR NEWS

During the Christmas Bazaar held last week, the active Juniors scored again, when enmass they volunteered their services at the candy and manju booth sponsored by the Church.

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The Church greatly appreciates the boxes of Christmas candy sent in by Harry Minami, David Arata, Sod Nakashima, Marian & Kikuno Tanabe, Alice Wake, and Mr. & Mrs. Don Iwahashi.

departures

We pray God's blessing on Leo Minami who has left our midst this past week for relocation.

A great loss will be Frank Takahashi, Senior Evangelistic Chairman, who has been putting much time, effort, and thought in to performing his duties in view of furthering the best interests of the Church. May the Lord bless him for his unselfish wholehearted service.

Departing on Monday will be Frank and Howard Takahashi, who we pray may continue to grow in their Christian lives.

"MR. AND MRS."

Joined in holy matrimony last night were Miss Molly Mano and Mr. Fukami Morikawa, with Rev. Kowta of Camp 1 officiating.

Our congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Morikawa.

GREETINGS

Dear Friends, Brethren in Christ:

We often think of you; but especially at this season the heart recalls old, deep friendships that time, nor space, nor any change of circumstance can never obliterate.

Heaven is always near and the Father's love is ever over His children; but at Christmas season in a special way, Heaven seems to stoop anew to kiss the earth with peace, goodwill, and love. Our constant prayer is that the principles of the Prince of Peace may soon prevail over all the world in all human relationships--family, social, industrial, economic, national, international, and interracial; then will be fulfilled the Angelic Song, Glory to God in the Highest, peace on earth, goodwill amongst men.

May the Heavenly Father's blessing and peace be on all as we celebrate the coming to earth of our Lord who revealed the wonderful love of God, the God and Father of all mankind.

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